

And that's what we're talking about, really, when you think about it. We're talking about the difference between good and evil. We're talking about the difference between compassion and tyranny. And we're talking about a world in which people are able to realize their hopes and dreams and aspirations without fear of brutal tyranny. America will be safer and the world will be better because of the actions we are taking today.

May God bless you all, and may God bless our country. Thank you all.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:02 a.m. at the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America International Training Facility. In his remarks, he referred to Douglas J. McCarron, general president, Douglas J. Banes, general vice president, and Andris J. Siling, general secretary-treasurer, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America; Mike McCarron, executive secretary treasurer, Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters; Dale Shoemaker, senior technical coordinator, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America International Training Facility; William K. Irwin, Jr., executive director, Carpenters International Training Fund; television talk show host Jay Leno; Gov. Kenny C. Guinn of Nevada; Mayor James B. Gibson of Henderson, NV; Nevada State Attorney General Brian Sandoval; former President Saddam Hussein of Iraq; senior Al Qaida associate Abu Musab al Zarqawi; Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom; Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan; and Chairman Kim Chong-il of North Korea.

### Remarks With Nancy Reagan in Bel Air, California

August 12, 2004

**The President.** Laura and I are honored to come by and pay our respects to Mrs. Reagan. We really admire Mrs. Reagan's strength and her love of a great President and her friendship. We really thank you for the tour of your beautiful backyard. [*Laughter*]

**Mrs. Reagan.** I'm so glad you came—so glad you came. Thanks so much.

**The President.** Thank you.

**The First Lady.** Thanks so much.

**Mrs. Reagan.** I'm always happy to see you.

**The First Lady.** Thank you very much.

**Mrs. Reagan.** And you met Duchess.

**The President.** And I met Duchess.

**Mrs. Reagan.** You met Duchess.

**The First Lady.** That's right.

**The President.** Thank you all.

**The First Lady.** Thanks, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:37 p.m. at the Reagan home. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

### Remarks at a Victory 2004 Dinner in Santa Monica, California

August 12, 2004

**The President.** Thanks for coming. And thanks for having us. Thank you all. Please be seated. Thanks for the warm, warm welcome.

**Audience member.** [*Inaudible*]

**The President.** Thank you. Thank you all. Mine is the only line of work where you get introduced by your wife—[*laughter*—and I'm really glad I did. I can't tell you how proud I am of Laura. She is a fabulous First Lady. I like to tell these folks I've been campaigning with recently, I said I'm going to give you some reasons to put me back in office, but perhaps the most important one of all is so that Laura is the First Lady for 4 more years. And by the way, it's a joy to campaign with her, and it's a great joy for both of us to campaign with our daughters. It's really been a fun experience for us to have Barbara and Jenna on the campaign trail with us. And it's kind of like the camping trip I never took them on. [*Laughter*]

I'm also proud to be here with the Governor of California. He's a—because he and I share a lot in common. We both married above ourselves—[*laughter*—we both have trouble with the English language—[*laughter*—we both have big biceps—[*laughter*—well, two out of three aren't bad. If I had to put a motto or slogan on Governor Schwarzenegger, I would say he's a guy who got the job done. He came to this important State, and he got the job done. That's how I hope people view me as well—as the President, came to the Capital and got the job done.

This is a part of a western swing that actually started in Florida. [*Laughter*] John